

The Colorado cattle industry has an intriguing and colorful history. For more than 150 years, Colorado's cattle ranching and feeding families have been committed to a tradition of providing consumers a safe and wholesome food supply while caring for Colorado's land, water and wildlife resources.

Economics & Rankings

Today, there are more than 2.70 million head of cattle and calves and 12,900 beef producers throughout Colorado. Colorado ranks:

- \Box 10th in overall cattle numbers nationwide
- \Box 4th in cattle on feed
- □ 4th in fed cattle marketings

Cash receipts from the sale of cattle and calves at \$3.17 billion represents over 56% of the gross farm income of \$5.6 billion – thus Colorado's largest agriculture industry.

Nearly one-third of Colorado's counties are classified as either economically dependent on the cattle industry or the cattle industry serves an important role in their economies.

For more information about the cattle and beef industry, contact these organizations:

For information on cattle, feedlots, grazing, environment, water and economics:



Colorado Cattlemen's Association

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Colorado Livestock Association

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For information on beef, food safety, nutrition or consumer concerns:

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